and was escorted back after the looking-glass interview by the husband of the fair, Bheemsi.

But Moghul honour was of different stuff, and at the foot of the fortress Bheemsi was secured and captured, and his liberty made dependent on the surrender of his wife Pudmini.

The Rajputs determined to meet treachery in the same spirit, and Pudmini was escorted by seven hundred litters of " handmaids " each borne by six armed " porters." Half an hour was granted for a farewell interview between Bheemsi and his bride, while the seven hundred covered their retreat. Pursuit followed, and the choicest heroes of Chittore met the assault. This is the " half sack " of Chittore.

When Ala-ud-din at length entered the city he left standing only the dwelling of Bheemsi and Pudmini,

As one wanders among the stones of Delhi, so eloquent of these men and women of the past, who lived where we live, breathed the same air, and saw the Jumna wind as we watch It to-day, one cannot but contrast the

fierce flame of their passions with the almost
tawdry emotions of to-day, when love is
written of in our literature as " a spasm of

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